

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF APRIL 10TH, 1934.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Board, Union Trust Building, on Tuesday, April 10th, 1934.

Present:

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor.
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.

The Governor took up with the Board the question of a request received from the Board of State Aid and Charities in connection with a survey of the hospitals of the State.

After some discussion it was decided that the Governor should write the Board and request more information as to the scope of the survey and the probable cost of it.

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The following letter from Rosewood State Training School, was read and considered:-

ROSEWOOD STATE TRAINING SCHOOL

Owings Mills, Md.
April 9, 1934.

Mr. Joseph O. McCusker,
Secretary, Public Works of Annapolis,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:-

Our Board at its last meeting instructed me to ascertain from you if any of the fund, which was in the hands of the State Treasurer for the purpose of additional fire protection to the State Institutions, is now available for that purpose.

I recall some time ago that this protection was taken up in regard to Rosewood and it was decided that owing to our construction, it would not be necessary to spend additional money for the purpose,

but now we feel that it would be a great advantage and protection if we had a Sprinkler System installed in our kitchen building.

I am not certain of the actual cost of installing such a system in the building, but roughly estimate it to be about \$2,000.00

Thanking you for any information in regard to the above, I am

Very truly yours,

/s/ P.B.H. McFeely,
Acting Superintendent.

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The Secretary was directed to reply to the above letter, and request that Mr. McFeely get in touch with Mr. Kirkman, State Purchasing Agent, relative to the securing of estimates for the work outlined.

Doctor Hosea W. McAdoo, Superintendent, Springfield State Hospital and Doctor George H. Preston, Commissioner of Mental Hygiene, appeared before the Board in connection with the erection of a new building at Springfield State Hospital. Mr. Kirkman was also present.

The Board discussed at length the question of whether the proposed building, being one for epileptics, should be constructed at this time, or whether the money should be spent for the erection of a building to take care of ordinary insane patients. The question of future needs for an increase in the number of patients was considered. It was stated that there were approximately two hundred beds available at Spring Grove State Hospital at the present time, and that the question of admissions and discharges was receiving very close attention, so that only cases which really should be admitted were being received, and that where it was possible with safety to release patients, this was being done.

It was decided that the proposed building for epileptics should be constructed. It was also decided that there could be made available from the appropriation of \$45,000 for power plant work about \$17,000.00, which, added to the appropriation of \$100,000.00 for the construction of a building would make available out of State funds for the proposed new building \$117,000.00, and that this amount added to the amount which is expected will be made available by the Public Works Administration of \$35,000.00 will take care of the estimated cost of the new building, namely \$152,000.00.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Joseph O'Melven
Secretary.